

Centennial Celebration!



Statehood for Utah was finally granted on Jan. 4, 1896, and what a joyous occasion that was for the people. Celebrations took place all over the state. Now it is time for us to prepare to celebrate our 100th birthday. Wonderful events are to take place in Salt Lake City, but the 29 counties also have plans for birthday celebrations and parties starting in 1995 and continuing through 1996.

Beautiful license plates have been designed to show off the mag-

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nificent Delicate Arch located in Arches National Park near Moab. It is the money from the sale of these license plates that helps to pay for the cost of Centennial events. Wasatch County receives a percentage from each sale. Notice the cars that are wearing the plates with pride and if you haven't one yet, now is the time to go to the county courthouse and get yours.

Countdown — days until Centennial Jan. 4, 1996 — 427 days.

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people filling jobs that require certification that do not possess the proper credentials. Promoting qualified individuals from within would make more sense because that gives the employees incentive.

Another criticism is the promotion of under qualified individuals to supervisory positions. Low seniority employees with less experience are being promoted over other employees with more qualifications, experience and seniority.

There were complaints about unfair and discriminatory salary policies. The following are just a few examples: Some employees work full time, but do not receive benefits because of the creative way the business official figures the payroll. By dividing the job into small increments, he can avoid paying benefits. Is hiring personnel for three hours and 59 minutes (so they do not qualify for benefits) while others work four hours and receive benefits, fair and equal employment practices?

The implication was made that the retired transportation supervisor receives full medical coverage for consultation. To qualify for this, he

the process is slow due to bureaucracy. They failed to consider that bureaucracy will be as slow as we allow it to be.

We must remember that all government agencies and elected officials work for us, as citizens of the state and community, and not the other way around. We don't need to justify their existence with our time, energy and blood. One of the primary purposes for the existence of UDOT is to provide for the safety and security of the people of Utah. It is not something that can be done at their leisure or at the discretion of their hired consultants.

Ironically, one of the primary purposes of the PTA is also to provide for safety and security, not only of our own children, but of all children. If only one child had been injured at 600 South Main Street, it would have been one child too many, and it has already been more than one.

We hope that our opportunity to have our signatures read and our voices heard has not been compromised. That would be a shameful example of people of the government, by the government, and for the government rather than the way it was intended.

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The Centennial Celebration of Utah becoming
one of these United States of America
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For this special one day